



Colonel Miroslav P. Kurka
Commander
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Afghanistan Engineer District



Colonel Miroslav P. Kurka assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District on July 9, 2007.

He takes command of the Afghanistan Engineer District after commanding the US Army Corps of Engineers' Tulsa District for three years. He was responsible for providing leadership and direction to the 650 member staff for a \$350 million civil and military works program. The Civil works program included: improving navigation, reducing flood damages, restoring and protecting the environment, regulating activities in waterways and wetlands, and overseeing emergency and disaster response missions for the entire state of Oklahoma, southern portion of Kansas and the northern portion of Texas. His Construction responsibilities were for the Army and Air Force in Oklahoma and northern Texas and the federal hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW) cleanup missions extending throughout the Southwestern Division.

Colonel Kurka is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He holds Master of Science degrees in Administration from Central Michigan University and in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a graduate of the U.S. Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms and Staff Services School, United States Army Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses.

Past career assignments include: service as Engineer Platoon Leader, Company Executive and Plans Officer, 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Objective Force Task Force, Arlington, Virginia; Commander, 565th Engineer Battalion, Hanau, Germany; Commander, 1st Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas; Battalion Logistics Officer, Adjutant and Company Commander, 9th Engineer Battalion, Aschaffenburg, Germany; Assistant Division Engineer and Operations Officer, Fort Riley, Kansas; Assistant Professor of Military Science at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington; Combat Arms Division Chief at Readiness Group Sheridan; Chief of Force Protection, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany.

Colonel Kurka's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He wears the Army Staff Identification Badge and Parachutist Badge.